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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: RECIPROCAL RADIO RIGHTS

BONN FOR RCO, LONDON FOR ATO

1. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED DIPLOMATIC NOTE DATED JULY 11 FROM EMBASSY OF GDR REQUESTING PERMISSION TO INSTALL AND OPERATE RADIO TRANSMITTER IN THEIR WASHINGTON EMBASSY, AND THAT SUCH A REQUEST WAS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROTOCOL SIGNED JULY 24, 1974 BETWEEN US AND GDR.

2. PROTOCOL STATES THAT GDR APPLICATION FOR RADIO FACILITIES MUST BE MADE TO COMPETENT AUTHORITY. THIS MEANS THAT THE FIRST STEP IS INTRA-US GOVERNMENTAL APPROVAL AS PRESCRIBED BY APPLICABLE U.S. LAW.

3. PUBLIC LAW 87-795 PERMITS THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TO GRANT RADIO RIGHTS TO FOREIGN EMBASSY IF PRESIDENT (WHO HAS

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DELEGATED THIS AUTHORITY TO OFFICE OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS

POLICY) DETERMINES AUTHORIZATION TO DO SO WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH NATIONAL INTERESTS AND ONLY WHEN THE FOREIGN GOVERNMENT HAS PROVIDED RECIPROCAL PRIVILEGES TO THE U.S.

4. SINCE THE US AND GDR ARE COMMITTED BY THIS PROTOCOL, TO PERMIT THE OPERATION OF A RADIO TRANSMITTER IN EACH OTHERS MISSION, THE DEPARTMENT IS PREPARED TO CONCLUDE RECIPROCAL RADIO RIGHTS AGREEMENT WITH GDR. ACCORDINGLY, DEPARTMENT PROPOSES RECOMMEND FAVORABLE DETERMINATION TO OFFICE OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS POLICY. PRIOR DOING SO, REQUEST EMBASSY COMMENTS AND/OR CONCURRENCE.

5. FYI-DEPARTMENT PLANS DO NOT CALL FOR INSTALLATION OUR OWN HF RADIO FACILITIES AMEMBASSY BERLIN IMMEDIATE F

FUTURE. WHEN DECISION IS MADE TO DO SO, YOU WILL BE ADVISED. INGERSOLL

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